

# Out of home Care Philanthropic Funders Network

## Innovation Grants: Ideas for OOHC reform Survey

### Background

The Out-of-Home Care Philanthropic Funders Network (OOHC Network) is a collaborative group of philanthropic organisations with a shared interest in improving the outcomes of children and young people at risk of entering, or with an experience of, out-of-home care (OOHC).

The [OOHC Network](#) is facilitated by The Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare (The Centre), and meets to share learnings, evidence, and innovation in OOHC in Victoria and other jurisdictions. This information sharing forum supports OOHC Network members to collaborate and fund innovation grants in community service organisations to improve outcomes for children and young people with an experience of OOHC, focusing on systemic change and collaboration within, and across sectors.

### Overview of OOHC Network Innovation Grants

A purpose of the OOHC Network is to facilitate collaborative philanthropic grants. These grants drive:

- a focus on improving outcomes for children and young people at high risk of entry, or with an experience of OOHC
- innovation in the OOHC service sector
- collaboration amongst not for profit community service organisations that deliver OOHC and sharing of learnings across the sector
- collaboration amongst philanthropic funders

There have been two collaborative funding rounds to date (please click [here](#) to find out more) and we are pleased to announce the commencement of the third grant round for a project commencing in the financial year 2021-22.

### Innovation Grant Round 2021

The main focus of this Innovation Grant is to improve outcomes for children and young people at risk of entry into, in, or with an experience of OOHC. The type of project will need to be innovative and impact on systemic issues and barriers in OOHC, creating opportunities for reform within the unique COVID-19 environment.

### Call for Ideas

In order to foster the opportunity for innovation and cross-sector collaboration, we are calling for organisations and individuals from a range of backgrounds to submit this short **'Ideas for OOHC reform Survey'** to provide your ideas on what is the most pressing area of need or where there can be innovation or system change within the OOHC system.

The Ideas for OOHC reform Survey has multiple aims, including:

- to gather ideas that would drive systemic change and/or respond to the impacts of COVID-19 on children, young people and families experiencing vulnerability
- to hear the voices of children, young people and families with lived experience of the OOHC and child and family system
- to encourage individuals, those with lived experience and organisations to think innovatively about the issues and design a solution
- to inform the design of the Innovation Grant round 2021-22

This is a unique opportunity for you to be involved, to influence or highlight an area of need within OOHC and your idea to affect systemic change. We are looking for a range of voices to assist in formulating the structure of this Innovation Grant and encourage you to complete this short survey. The information captured through this process will also be used more broadly by The Centre in its work to support the OOHC sector.

**Please note:** this process is not looking for a specific program that requires funding, but to identify the need in the system to drive innovation and change.

The approximate  
duration of the survey is  
between 9-20 minutes



[Click here to access the survey](#)



The survey will be  
closing on 29 January,  
2021

### Next Steps

The Centre will review and consider the ideas presented and hold two facilitated workshops (February 2021) with stakeholders from the philanthropic sector, the OOHC sector, people with lived experience (such as young people with lived experience of OOHC) and broader stakeholders as appropriate.

- Workshop one will be focused on building sector understanding and capability in collaboration and innovation.
- Workshop two will be focused on ideation and collaborative dialogue on opportunities for innovation across the sector

After these workshops, selected organisations will be invited to apply for the grant round, with project commencement from July 2021.